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Upcoming Events

10/05/12	Bitter's birthday. Thinking of drawing him something? He likes tea and corn, folks!
10/13/12	Original panty raid. Postponed. New date TBA.
10/15/12	Knitting classes to be held in Solla Sollew. Please contact Shelly Siverton.
10/28/12	Guitar sale at Strings and Things shop in Greenville. Sunday. All items 20% off.

Orange and Fluffy

He's plump, he's fluffy, and he's the all-around protector of the Truffula Forest. He's the Lorax, and this week's special edition of *The Unless Press* is all about him! Even though, as a fandom, we primarily focus on the Once-ler (who pretty much stole the show), the real star of the book, the T.V. special, and the feature film can be found in their titles.

The Lorax is the magical guardian of the forest, whose main job is to "speak for the trees" and ensure that the animals who live in the forest are well provided and cared for. In this issue, we shine the spotlight on our favorite "furry meatloaf". You'll find artwork by and an interview with a Lorax fan, a list of several Lorax-themed ask blogs, and much more!

Did You Know?

In the 1972 T.V. special of *The Lorax*, the Lorax himself was voiced by actor Bob Holt.

"Did you chop down this tree?"

Member **Kindarbonkyrindarbonky** is one of our most passionate Lorax supporters, and today we conduct an interview with her!

Q. What is it about the Lorax that you love?

A. His heart, too huge for such a tiny spirit. It's not every day you see a character *full* of love to their home valley and friends -- to bursting, to the point that this love, so to speak, drips from his moustache. That and he acts like a child, despite being millennia old -- which is also a rare sight to see. Really, he's like a moustached kid -- brave, somewhat hotheaded, with a sweet tooth and a heart of gold. What else? Hmm. Maybe his caramel coat, the 'stache and the big ol' Lorax belly. Though who *doesn't* love them?

Q. Which of your Lorax art pieces do you think is your best work to date?

A. Definitely this one:

Even if it cost me a tablet pen (which I fixed anyway). Everyone tried to draw the Lorax in the forest, but no one did it vice versa. It was fun to paint, and judging by what people say, turned out nice.

- Lorax sketches by "**Kindarbonky**". -

Q. If you could spend a day with the Lorax, what would you talk about?

A. Lots of things. His childhood. How I and the rest of humanity can help. The pancakes. Posing for a picture. Though most of all I wish not to talk, but rather listen to the Lorax himself. Just so the little guy will know that there's a human who *does* hear him. At least one. So what? The Truffula forest also got reborn from only one seed.

"**Kindar**" did all of the art pieces that you see in this issue. Thanks for speaking with us today, **Kindar**! •

Fuzzy Fan Fiction

Fan fiction for our favorite forest guardian is rather rare as compared to stories about the Once-ler, but they do exist... and some of them are quite cute and charming! Below is one short little fan piece by longtime fandom member **thesassylorax** that you might enjoy.

"Back Scratches"

He became aware of a weight on his lap, and that was enough to stir the old man out of a sudden, out of nowhere, catnap. The Once-ler didn't like these cap naps, not one bit! They had a habit of sneaking up on him when he least suspected it and tackling him into a dream state he didn't rightfully want. God, he hated how he had gotten so *old*.

But back to the weight.

Slowly his pale blue eyes, faded slightly in years but still striking to look at, opened and he stared down at his lap to discover the Lorax himself laid over his lap on his stomach, arms resting on the armrest of the chair, feet hanging over the other side, snoring softly.

It was the first time in his life he'd ever seen the Lorax NOT snore like a tree trunk being shoved down a food dispenser. In fact, if he were anyone else, he would almost call the orange ball of fur *cute*. But Once-ler was not like that. So instead he chuckled and slowly reached out, and set his hand atop the middle of his friends back and gently scratched his fur.

This got an instant reaction from the Lorax, whose right leg began to kick, almost like a dog. He grumbled, whimpered, in his sleep as he rolled slightly onto his side, leg still kicking and scratching slightly at his side. Amused by this, Once-ler could only continue to scratch at the Lorax's back, making his friend act more like a lap dog than a guardian of the trees, grinning as he did.

Good things never last, as Once-ler knew, and it was quickly established even more so when the Lorax snorted awake and flailed his limbs at the man like a dying insect before falling off of his lap entirely.

"Hey hey hey what ya doin' *cut that out!*"

But all the threats and angry glares from his friend couldn't stop Once-ler's laughter at what had just transpired. His

The Lorax.

lungs ached, his stomach hurt, and he was sure he had tears in his eyes but sometimes we all need a laugh like that, and for him, it had been *too* long since he'd laughed so hard. •

~ Blogs and More ~

Ask Blogs

While the fandom may be well-known for its Once-ler ask blogs more than anything, they're not the only ones that are jotted down on member **Swaggermimint**'s ask blog masterpost. There are Teds, Audreys, Normas, Once-ler mothers and fathers, forest animals, and, yes, Loraxes!

Here are just a few Lorax ask blogs that you might find to be of some interest:

http://ask-orange-environmentalist.tumblr.com/

http://speaking-for-the-trees-lorax.tumblr.com/

http://survivorax.tumblr.com/

Fan Fiction

You've already read one of Sassy's stories, but you can find all of her tales here, Lorax ones included:

http://thesassylorax.tumblr.com/fanfics

"Kindar" has some also:

http://kindarbonkyrindarbonky.tumblr.com/tagged/fanfic

Many thanks go to both Sassy and Kindar for sharing their artwork and stories with us! •

~ Panty Raid / Zombie AU / Members Milestone ~

Panty Raid Date Change

The upcoming third Once-ler fandom panty raid has very recently been post-poned. Originally, the start date was going to be this Saturday, October 13th, but the raid's moderator, Swaggermimint, has had to make some changes. The new date will be posted soon. Keep an eye out!

Zombie AU Update

While not much has occurred in the zombie AU as of late, there are still some updates of interest. More survivors have been heard over the radio, the band is considering camping at a hospital, and poor Entre underwent something of a panic attack, although '72 was able to calm him down.

500+ Followers!

I'm very pleased to announce that *The Unless Press* now has over 500 followers! For this paper, that's considered a milestone. Although still a fairly young newsletter (only two months old, at the most), it has proven to be successful, and I fully intend for it to get even better as time passes! •

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